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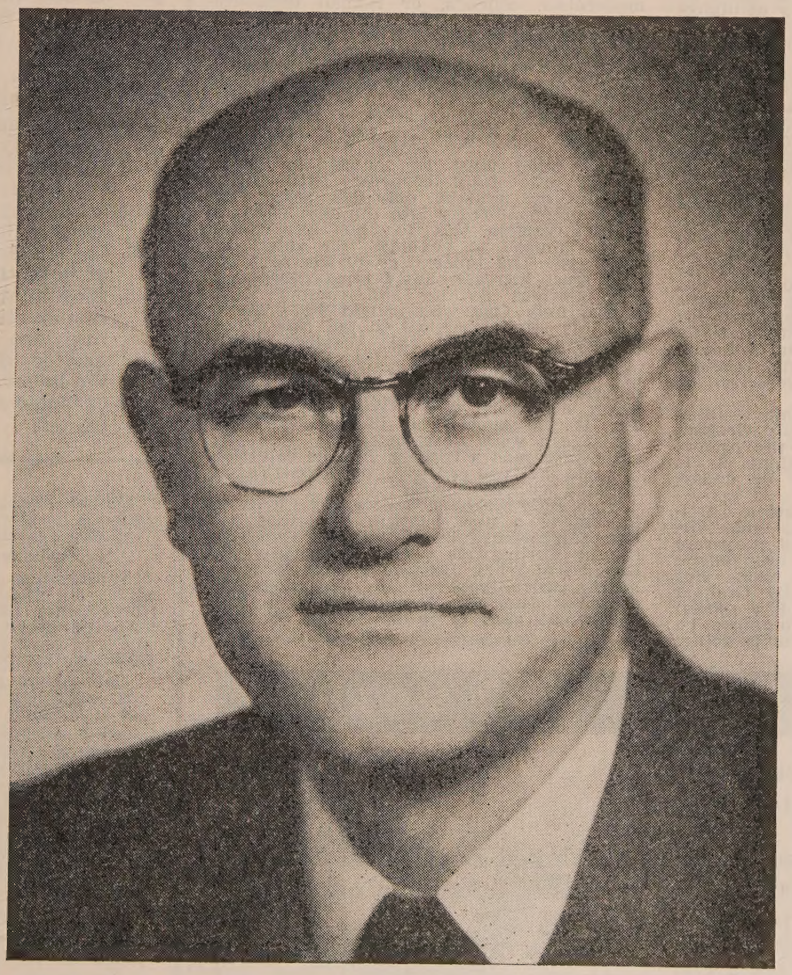

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Readers Say—

"Graham and New York"

To the Editor:

I was greatly interested in your editorial on "Graham and New York" (*Action*, April 15.)

There is a great need of clarity of views, especially amongst ministers, in their attitude toward Billy Graham's campaigns. In the Ministers' Fellowship of the Metropolitan area here, where I am a member, the pastors are divided in their views. So are also the nearly thousand ministers who were present at the Conference breakfast with Billy Graham here last month.

Many were the delegations from different denominations, of the various Protestant creeds, which came to Billy demanding an answer as to who he was, and to what camp or creed he belonged. His answer was the same as that of John the Baptist: "I am the tool of God."

The divine commission given to Billy Graham is to bring a message of God for this day to all classes of people, to all races and to all creeds in the whole world. With divine authority he is to stand before kings and queens pointing God's way to them and their kingdoms.

To start a worldwide evangelistic ministry is more complicated for Billy the Baptist than it was for John the Baptist. In that day a heaven sent awakening would move upon all sects and localities bringing quickly the multitudes together at the banks of Jordan. In this twentieth century of highly organized religion, with pronounced demarcation lines between the different denominational faiths, Billy has a task which calls for even more wisdom than John of old had.

If all flesh should see the salvation of the Lord Billy knows only one way to get his message across: Tear down the wall of separation between the twentieth century modernist Sadducees and the orthodox Pharisees.

Many have been the mountains and hills to be brought low in Billy Graham's campaigns. There are the hills of modernist intellectual pride and the mountains of dead orthodoxy. There is also the crookedness, not only of heretical doctrine, but of worldliness in the churches. As God's special engineer preparing the highway for the coming of the Lord, Billy cannot settle down in any camp saying: "I am a fundamentalist." His task is to tunnel through any hill or mountain, of whatever creed or camp they be."

Many Christian leaders in this country are concerned over the way Billy Graham has joined with "liberals" for the promotion of his evangelistic campaigns. It is a matter which needs clarity of understanding.

I share with most Bible believing Christians the view that evangelists, under ordinary circumstances, should not cooperate with modernists, or sponsor any evangelistic campaigns in conjunction with them. But evidently God has elevated Billy Graham to an extraordinary level as His special prophet for all men today. Therefore he has divine authority for what he is doing. And the evident purpose of God is to thus be able to bring an earnest message of awakening to all men as far as possible before the time of grace expires and the Lord comes again.

Billy Graham's campaigns during the last seven years have been proof that this is the case. Not only has dead orthodoxy been revived in his campaigns but heretical modernism has been made straight. Many modernists give testimony to their conversion to evangelical belief in his campaigns.

Billy has never compromised with modernism in his evangelical faith. Wherever he has preached he has fearlessly proclaimed the gospel in purity and by the authority which only the Spirit of truth can impart. He has, like Christ, sat at the banquet table of modern Sadducees and not been afraid to speak his mind. Moreover, like his divine master, he has never conformed to his environment, but has electrified his environment by the superior Spirit he has possessed.

A serious decision has to be made by Christian leaders as to what should be their attitude to Billy Graham and his campaigns in view of the fact that he is enlisting the cooperation of modernist leaders as sponsors. Christ said: "He that is not with me is against me." If therefore our Lord is with Billy Graham and we withdraw from cooperation with him, our withdrawal will bring serious consequences. Unwillingly, or unconsciously, we shall find ourselves in alliance with those ultra-modernists, atheists, or Roman Catholics who ridicule Billy's religion and zeal for the salvation of souls. If we are afraid of modernist liberals it certainly would be better to meet them in Billy Graham's campaigns where the moderates are, many of them on the way back to God's revealed truth, than to join the open enemies of that truth in denouncing God's messenger of today.

A warning must be sounded to those leaders who fully cooperate with Billy Graham but acclaim only his person on his triumphant entry into the city. Graham himself resents this for he, like John, knows himself to be only "the voice" of the Lord. The inner urge of his soul is: "He must increase, but I must decrease." The glorious Saviour and coming King is the only One who should be praised.

In his stirring appeal to the New York ministers, gathered at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for a Ministers' Conference Breakfast last month, Billy Graham, speaking of preparations for his coming New York campaign, next year, said: "What we need today is Christians who in the Spirit of Christ can weep over Jerusalem. Can you enter into such a concern for the salvation of souls that you can weep over New York's millions without Christ?"

Here Billy Graham was calling Christian leaders to a new baptism, one that has been forgotten, almost, in the Christian Church during this twentieth century—the baptism of tears. Because of our hardened hearts, worldliness of life and stagnated ecclesiasticism, this fountain has run dry. Our great need is to have "the fountain

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2. **We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**
3. **We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.**
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6. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.**
7. **We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Spiritual Unity In Action At Cleveland

Reported by JAMES DeFOREST MURCH

CLEVELAND April 9-12 was a great demonstration of the spiritual unity which characterizes the National Association of Evangelicals and of the power of united evangelical action in the preservation and advance of "the faith once for all delivered." The presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit were marvelously in evidence from beginning to end of the Association's Fourteenth Annual Convention —one of the biggest and the best in NAE's history.

The Early Vision

The blessing of God since the first vision of evangelical cooperation in Saint Louis, in 1942, is evidence that God has willed the NAE and that there is a great future in store for it. At Saint Louis evangelicals said, "We realize that in many areas of Christian endeavor the organizations which now purport to be representatives of Protestant Christianity have departed from the faith of Jesus Christ; we do now reaffirm our unqualified loyalty to this Gospel as herein set forth, declaring our unwillingness to be represented by organizations which do not have such loyalty to the Gospel of Christ; and we express our unqualified opposition to all such apostasy. And in this loyalty to the evangelical Christian faith and opposition to all apostasy, we do unite our testimony. We propose, therefore, to organize an Association which shall give articulation and united voice to our faith and purposes in Christ Jesus . . ." This is still their conviction and they are willing to give of their time and their means to advance the cause to which they are committed.

Today the National Association of Evangelicals and its associated agencies constitute the largest and most effective evangelical organization in America. Reports given at Cleveland indicate that the year 1955-56 was the greatest year of accomplishment in its history.

The Convention Opens

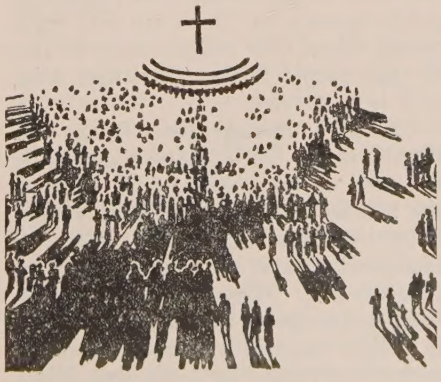
The Cleveland convention opened officially the evening of April 10 but from early morning of the day before there were related meetings all over the Hollenden Hotel, where the sessions were to be held. Various agencies were holding board, commission and committee meetings and there was fervent prayer for the NAE in all of them.

The Board of Administration, representative of over forty denominations and thirty or more related agencies, was in continuous session from Monday through Friday often in the wee hours of early morning. Out of the welter of different viewpoints, personalities, opinions and ideas, through the democratic processes guaranteed by the constitution, there came eventual unanimity of mind and heart in meeting old problems and in planning future programs.

This unity was in the atmosphere of the Convention when around 1,000 people gathered in the auditorium for the Opening Session. It was in the singing of the songs of Zion, in the prayers and in the fellowship.

President H. H. Savage, who has given such inspiring and statesmanlike leadership to the Association in the past two years, was warmly received by the Convention as he gave the presidential address (see complete address in *Action,* April 15). He spoke on the Convention Theme, "The Church: Edifying Itself in Love."

Out of a peroration which stressed essential unity in Christ and cooperation in the main task of the church, Dr. Savage pointed out that evangelicals were opposed to isolationism and to regimentation. Using this two-fold principle he attacked current issues such as labor-industry relations, governmental control, Roman Catholic persecutions, ecumenicity as represented in the National Council of Churches, the menace of Communism and relationships with other evangelical bodies. The note of Christian love was struck in the President's closing appeal. Christ was lifted up and the Church was called to a new life of love for Christ, for fellow Christians, for those in error and for the lost. Only in such an atmosphere can revival come and God's will be done among men.



The address effectively expressed the spirit of the Convention and of the whole constructive policy and program of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Many Notable Addresses

It is impossible in the limited space available for this report, to adequately treat the many great addresses in the general sessions and those of affiliated agencies.

One of the most challenging was that of Dr. Albert J. Lindsey, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, Wash. Said Dr. Lindsey, "Our religious freedom in America is being slowly taken away from us."

"More and more channels are closed to intelligent religious discussion and dissemination of facts about religion. These are being closed behind a smokescreen of supposed tolerance and broadmindedness and a false profession of religious freedom."

Applying his view to the evangelical Protestants, Dr. Lindsey said: "The reasons for being an evangelical Christian cannot be stated with frankness and freedom in the press, on the radio and television, or in public places. There seems to be a code of platitudes that certain people have prepared who in many cases make no profession of true Christianity. You either use these platitudes or you are silenced, or if permitted to be heard, smeared as a bigot or fanatic.

"This generally accepted code governing so-called freedom of speech and press militates against such an organization as the National Association of Evangelicals, yet on the other hand, it has in it the very philosophy that cries out for the existence, growth and aggressive ministry of such an organization."

Dr. Lindsey charged that many denominations, greatly increased in size, centralization and power, are insisting upon increased regimentation of their memberships.

Religious Regimentation

"We are now often asked to support certain institutions and philosophies which on the surface seem to have merit, but which may in the final analysis be detrimental and damaging to our Christian faith.

"The established church in its ecclesiastical leadership continues to move more and more to the left by which we mean a more liberal Christianity and a co-partner of modern socialism.

"This church philosophy, which sounds to many very good, involves a growing enthusiasm for the United Nations, the UNESCO, big government, increasing union strength, Socialism in one of its various forms.

"Could it not be that this means that on the one hand the world has cleverly enlisted the support of the church politically, and on the other is leading it quietly but surely away from the old-fashioned Gospel as revealed in God's Word?"

Dr. Lindsey cautioned evangelical leaders that this "broad churchism, tied in with ecclesiasticism, is the growing problem of the hour for the Christian faith. The church in this respect is certainly drifting down a very rapid current toward Rome."

He said that the current "clever regimentation which comes from church leadership" often takes the form of forced use of liberal denominational materials, and the forced regimentation of benevolent contributions.

Dr. Lindsey concluded his address with an assessment of the neo-orthodox movement in the contemporary Christian church.

"While neo-orthodoxy has increased interest in the Bible, it has also opened the way for loose and individual interpretations which make it easy to eliminate the old doctrinal positions," he charged. "Neo-orthodoxy may be a shot in the arm to aid and revive an otherwise dying liberalism, but it is no permanent cure or remedy, and when it wears off, we may fear the church will be the worse for the experience.

"If anything stands forth in Protestantism, it is the fact that our faith rests upon the Word of God. Anything less may be replaced by an ecclesiasticism such as Rome that will regiment people into a ritualism and dogma to their liking."

"A Disciplined Evangelism"

Another most significant address (and with this we must pass to other phases of the Convention) was delivered by Dr. C. Morse Ward, national radio evangelist of the Assemblies of God. He strongly advocated a "disciplined evangelism" and he declared himself in vigorous opposition to those who would "commercialize the supernatural." "In the New Testament pattern of successful evangelism," said Dr. Ward, "the evangelist must recognize the administrative offices of the church."

"A true revival is a visitation from God to a community, and since the Devil can't prevent it, he will do his best to join it," he said. "Likewise, our expensive and courageously conceived evangelism today can be turned into the enemies of the church unless they are properly disciplined by those who carry the authority of the church, and who in the providence of God, are the leaders of the church."

Dr. Ward paid tribute to the evangelistic methods of John Wesley, and urged that modern-day evangelists study "the Wesleyan revival which changed the history of England and of the world." He said the emphasis of John Wesley was upon the preaching of the Word of God, and the acceptance of the supernatural "in conserving and consolidating the gains of the church."

"Miracles of holy living appeared because John Wesley impressed upon his converts when they came to Christ that something had just begun," he said. "Unlike most other evangelists, he did not chiefly stress the truth that something was finished."

Turning again to modern-day evangelism, Dr. Ward said "it is time that we recognize that a few hurried words in a vestry room or inquiry room after a public appeal is utterly inadequate to the need. Many people who respond to public appeals for Christ are only registering desire. Our religion must be able to take people farther than that point if it is to survive.

"Make no mistake about it, the battleground of Christianity today is in the area of the supernatural. Here is the balance that is needed in this hour, first, the preaching of the Word of God, and second, the acceptance of the supernatural. They go hand-in-hand. This is the day of the two tombs. One is a filled tomb in Moscow. The other is the empty tomb at Jerusalem. These two tombs distinguish the two crowds upon earth."

Dr. Ward concluded by turning to New Testament references to the second return of Christ to the world.

"The false god that intrigues us most in our day is the god of security," he said. "There is a great lusting after this god among us all. This god demands that we bring a sacrifice of everything that is vital to dynamic and heroic living. Life for many thus becomes a bundle of fear and frustration. We throw away our courage. We sacrifice the spirit of the pioneer. Selfishness becomes thrift. Only a love for the return of Christ can cause us to shed this surplus. The Christian church cannot remain an effective force for righteous living without the preaching of the Lord's return.

"The living God is not our prisoner, no matter how much we may take things for granted in the Christian church," he said. "A new pattern of evangelical approach is emerging, with God fashioning a sufficient ministry for the complex and confused thinking and living of the day in which we live."

Growth and Progress

Led by Dr. Savage and Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the NAE, the Convention was thrilled by the reports of growth and progress in every phase of united evangelical action during the past fiscal year.

During the past two years of Dr. Savage's administration a new day has come in the organizational life of NAE. Through the generosity of Dr. Savage and his great church (First Baptist) in Pontiac, Mich., a tremendous amount of his time and energy have been channelled through the Association. We asked Dr. Savage to give the readers of *Action* magazine his interpretation of the accomplishments during this period. He said, "During the past two years a most cooperative Executive Committee, plus God's man for the office of Executive Director, Dr. George Ford, have worked out a restatement of basic principles, a readjustment of organizational relationships and plans for future development. Such principles and plans had not been clearly established before. Now we are all working together to advance a common cause through our Commissions and Affiliates at the national level and also on the local level through Evangelical Fellowships and Regional organizations.

"During the past two years three new regional offices have been established and directors chosen for three existing regionals. Our seven directors met in Cleveland for three and one-half days before the Convention began. During these sessions these men learned

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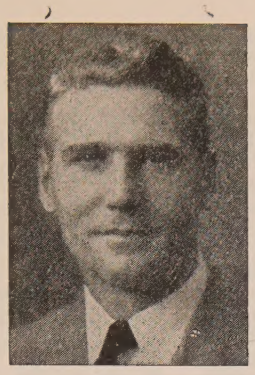

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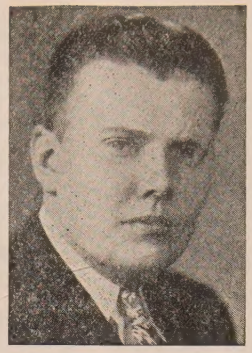

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OFFICERS OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS ELECTED AT CLEVELAND

(See page one for photo of President Paul P. Petticord)

of the over-all program of NAE as they had never been able to know it before. Now we shall be able to promote the whole NAE program at the 'grass-roots' more effectively. There are great days ahead for all of us."

Firm Fiscal Footing

Director Ford in his report covered much detailed data concerning organizational and financial matters. He revealed that real progress had been made in putting NAE affairs on a firm fiscal footing although there remained much to be done before any large program of organizational advance could be made. Dr. Ford has accomplished wonders in bringing order out of near-chaos and creating a new attitude of confidence in administrative affairs. The Board of Administration expressed its appreciation of his services by promoting him from Associate Executive Director to full Executive Director of the Association.

Dr. Ford's report revealed that there has been an encouraging betterment of inter-denominational relations. The status of Commissions and Affiliates has been defined and clarified to the mutual benefit of all concerned. Affiliates such as the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, the National Religious Broadcasters, the National Sunday School Association, and the National Association of Christian Schools are by nature autonomous organizations. There is the control of the constituency of the boards primarily for the purpose of maintaining the essential evangelical nature of the organizations. This is also advantageous in presenting the common evangelical front. The relation with these affiliates is on a friendly advisory basis, realizing that while they essentially represent the NAE in these specific areas because of the organizational autonomy they should have liberty to develop their program within the limits described by their constitutions, which have been approved by the NAE.

NAE's relationship with the commissions is distinctly different, for they are directly responsible to the Board of Administration. It is the responsibility of the NAE to provide direction for the commissions and to so control the membership that both in program and sympathy they truly represent the NAE.

At the "Grass Roots"

Director Ford, looking toward the future, indicated that much time will be devoted to the development of local Evangelical Fellowships or Associations in an effort to bring the NAE into effective operation at the local level. He foresaw an early reorganization of evangelical relationships in New England. The New England Fellowship of Evangelicals will no longer perform NAE regional functions but will become a member of the national body. A new regional office will be opened there in full cooperation with the NEF but more effectively promoting the national program. The Mid-Atlantic States and the South are also slated for regional organization.

The activating of the Radio Commission of NAE, in cooperation with the NRB, to secure a fair proportion of sustaining time on local stations and national net-works, is being considered. The nationalization of the splendid work being done in several metropolitan areas in the field of human welfare is being seriously considered by the Association.

The closing note of Dr. Ford's report called for a united voice for the evangelicals of America. He said, "Today as never before there is a realization that only the NAE can effectively provide this. Within the last few months many men who formerly had hesitated to take a clear-cut position with the NAE have personally told me that they now realize that only the NAE can withstand the pressures of Catholicism and liberalism. God intends that we should possess the land as a united evangelical witness. This we can do if we walk humbly with the Lord. We must follow as God leads. We must not lag behind, lest we lose the presence and power of God. We must not run ahead, lest we over extend our supply lines. But we must keep moving and taking more ground for God.

"Many of us will not soon forget the message of Dr. Alan Redpath at our convention in Cleveland two years ago. Our hearts were blessed as he emphasized that 'all we need is the smile of God.' That was the attitude of Joshua and Caleb as they insisted that the children of Israel could possess the promised land with God's help. Their words in Numbers 14:8 may well be a guide for us today—'If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land."

NAE in Washington

The NAE's Office of Public Affairs in Washington continues to be a center of vital interest for evangelicals. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor presented to the Convention a thrilling story of recent accomplishments.

In his report to the board of Administration Dr. Taylor told of a year in which (1) guidance has been given in Social Security matters, (2) the new Haitian treaty has been held up pending proper safeguards for missionary endeavor, (3) evangelicals have helped maintain the essential values of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, (5) testimony has been given to Congressional committees on the Langer Bill dealing with advertising alcoholic beverages and other legislation relating to moral and religious problems, (6) cooperation has been maintained with Protestants and Other Americans United to preserve Separation of Church and State, etc., etc.

Government agencies and officials in all departments have a high regard for the National Association of Evangelicals because of the capable and efficient

representation of the Washington office.

Dr. James DeForest Murch, editor of NAE's official journal, *United Evangelical Action,* told of its increasing ministry. The twenty-four issues of Vol. XV contained many significant articles from evangelical leaders dealing with every phase of Christian cooperation and advance. It is a record of all important happenings in the religious world which have in any way impinged upon and affected the evangelical movement. There have been many important series of articles and editorials on such themes as, "The Christian and War," "The World's Great Religions," "Christianity and Industry," "Religion and the Public Schools" and "Christian Unity." These have been widely copied and some of them have been reprinted and presented to important church and inter-church commissions as representative of evangelical thought. Special issues, such as the Convention Number, Convention Report Number, Annual Book Number, Education Number and Sunday School Number, have rendered a valuable service. Practically every copy carries promotional material for the NAE and its constituent bodies.

Dr. Murch also reported that he is completing the manuscript of the first full-length definitive history of the National Association of Evangelicals. It will be published by Eerdmans this fall.

NRB Answers NCC

The convention of the National Religious Broadcasters, NAE affiliate, was one of the largest in its history. Radio broadcasters were deeply stirred because of the renewed drive of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches to stop the sale of radio-TV time for evangelical broadcasting.

A splendid program was provided under the leadership of Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman. A significant participant was Mr. Fred S. Garrigues of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters. The industry has most friendly relations with NRB and these ties were strengthened at Cleveland.

Chief interest centered around the report of the special committee named to reply to the NCC Commission's action. The Convention approved unanimously the following resolution:

The National Religious Broadcasters in Annual Session at Cleveland, Ohio approved and adopted unanimously this statement for the entire Television and Radio Industry; the Press of the USA and all religious bodies.

We cannot agree with the recent declaration of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches relative to its recommendation of the elimination of paid time for religious broadcasting and telecasting because:

1. The National Council of Churches of Christ does not speak for all the Christians of America. For instance, factually, there are more than twenty million members of various Protestant churches who are not affiliated with NCC.

2. We commend the National Broadcasting Company for changing its past policy and practice by accepting Evangelist Billy Graham for a paid religious broadcast over their network. The request of NCC would deny Billy Graham this privilege.

3. We also commend the American Broadcasting Company, the Mutual network and every owner and operator of Radio and TV stations who have been willing to offer their facilities by providing commercial time for the broadcasting and telecasting of the glorious Gospel of Good News, with good will to all mankind.

4. Our code of ethics (adopted at the time of our incorporation in April of 1945) sustains that we definitely approve of "maintaining high standards with respect to content, method of presentation, speakers' qualifications, and ethical practices to the end that such programs may be constantly developed and improved and that their public interest and usefulness may be enhanced. The content, production, and presentation of such programs, including both music and continuity, shall be consistent with the program standards of the station or network over which they are broadcast, and with the requirements of all federal and state laws and of all regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Persons engaging in the broadcasting of such programs shall, by prompt appearance, scrupulous conformity with the limitations imposed by physical, technical, and economic characteristics of radio, Christian courtesy, and otherwise, co-operate with the station or network management."

5. The National Association of Evangelicals, which is composed of forty different denominations, ten conferences of denominations, and more than one thousand independent churches, concurs in this official statement of the National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.

Plans were laid by NRB to meet the NCC challenge by an active program in 1956. The opening of an office in Washington with a full-time secretary is under consideration.

NRB has in its membership many of the largest purchasers of radio time for religion. It is estimated that they spend approximately $10,000,000 yearly to "get the Gospel out."

Dr. James DeForest Murch was elected president for the ensuing year. Dr. Murch has been active in NRB ever since its founding. In addition to his duties as editor of *United Evangelical Action* he has for many years been business manager of The Christian's Hour, a nationwide broadcast of the Christian Churches or Churches of Christ. Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman was elected vice president, Rev. Earl Paulk, second vice president, Dr. Ralph Neighbour, secretary; and Dr. T. W. Willingham, treasurer. Dr. Theodore Elsner was chosen Director of Public Relations.

EFMA's Worldwide Program

Another great convention which met in Cleveland during the week of April 9 was that of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association which numbers some fifty mission boards with 4,500 missionaries doing work in 106 fields of the world.

Reports of Secretary Clyde W. Taylor revealed that the Washington office of the Association processed nearly 500 passports and visas during the past year, the New York purchasing office did business approaching the $1,000,000 mark. Dr. Taylor has made a number of important journeys during the year to Africa and Latin America in the interests of evangelical missions. The Missionary Executives Retreat, which has become a vital part of EFMA'S program, will meet this year, October 2 to 5, at the Westminster Hotel, Winona Lake, Ind. The opening three or four sessions will be under the direction of the Committee on Curriculum that was appointed by last year's Retreat to (1) establish a School of Missions, which will start out with a summer school in the summer of 1957; (2) complete outlining curricula for the four levels of missionary training—Bible institute, Bible college, graduate school, seminary.

The newly-elected EFMA officers are: President, Dr. A. C. Snead (Christian and Missionary Alliance); Vice-President, Dr. Eugene A. Erny (Oriental Missionary Society); Secretary, Rev. O. Ralph Isbill (Open Bible Standard Missions); Treasurer, Dr. George R. Warner (World Gospel Mission).

The largest of the "satellite" conventions was the mid-year gathering of the National Sunday School Association. It drew a big Greater Cleveland attendance because of a special interest in the organization of a Greater Cleveland Sunday School Association. Among the speakers were Rev. Clate Risley, Dr. Harold W. Erickson, Miss Winona Walworth, Rev. Sherman Williams, Mrs. Virginia Ashbrook, Rev. Leslie Miller, Rev. J. Clair Peters, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph and others. As usual in NSSA gatherings emphasis was on "How to Build Bigger and Better Sunday Schools." Much of the time in the mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors was spent on plans for the coming annual national convention scheduled for Chicago October 8-11. All reports indicated the continued rapid growth of this great Sunday

NAE Convention Resolutions

REGIMENTATION

Whereas there are today tremendous forces at work in both the teaching of political and social philosophies which would undermine our American way of life with its freedoms and individual rights; and

Whereas, these philosophical positions are often expressed in open political attack as well as in subtle, organized sabotage; and

Whereas, the safety of these freedoms and individual rights of persons and groups is further threatened by organized ecclesiastical regimentation, which regimentation is being manifested increasingly within the framework of individual ecclesiastical systems, as well as in certain cooperative church endeavors;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we reaffirm our belief in the historic American way of life and its freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution with its Bill of Rights which is being violated in many areas, including the following:

1. We view with alarm and deplore the organized propaganda and pressure being brought to bear on local governments and planning commissions to allow only designated churches to be erected in new developments all of which is a threat to the freedom of religion.

2. We look with deep concern upon those pressures coming from organized religious agencies to prohibit the purchase of religious broadcast time, and to control the distribution of time set aside for religious programs on sustaining public service basis. We reaffirm our conviction of the democratic privilege of any religious group to communicate its religious beliefs through any available channel.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Whereas, we believe that the teachings of Christ are violated by discriminatory practices against racial minorities in many, if not all sections of our country; and

Whereas, we believe that the propagation of the gospel is hindered in many foreign countries by these practices; and

Whereas, we believe that many from these minority groups in our own country are alienated from the gospel by these actions;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NAE reaffirms its belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ, including His emphasis upon the inherent worth and intrinsic value of every man, regardless of race, class, creed or color, and that we urge all our constituency to use every legitimate means to elliminate unfair tactics by any individual or organized groups. We believe that those in authority, political, social and particularly evangelistic Christian groups have a moral responsibility to work effectively and openly for the creation of that cultus of life which will provide equal rights and opportunities for every individual.

USA PASSPORT OFFICE

Whereas, the Passport Office of the Department of State has for many years extended every courtesy to the Washington offices of our organizations, frequently in spite of tremendous work loads which are thrown upon that agency of the government; and

Whereas, the tremendous increase in general passport demands makes modernization of the passport system imperative;

Therefore, be it resolved, that our gratitude be made known to the responsible personnel in the Passport Office of the Department of State, and that Congress be informed of our desire that proposed legislation to improve the passport system be approved.

FALSE PROPAGANDA

Whereas, the government of Colombia, at the instigation of the hierarchy of the Colombian state church, has adopted the unjust and insidious propaganda technique of branding evangelical missionaries as the vanguard of communism; and

Whereas, the Gospel of Christ as presented by evangelical missionaries throughout the world, is the strongest antidote to communism within any society; and

Whereas, no predominantly Protestant country has yet fallen prey to atheistic communist doctrine; and

Whereas, the restrictions set upon religious freedom by the Colombian government are in themselves the source of Colombia's greatest danger as a free nation;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Committee on Foreign Relations in Congress and the Secretary of State be fully informed of this dangerous propaganda technique by the Colombian government, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Colombian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

HAITI TREATY

Whereas, there is now pending before the Senate of the United States a proposed treaty with Haiti which omits the traditional clauses protecting the freedom of American citizens; and

Whereas, this omission of the religious liberty provisions would establish a dangerous precedent which could have extremely detrimental effects on treaty negotiations with such nations as Spain and Colombia where true freedom of religion is not accorded to minority religious groups.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Senate of the United States be urged to take no further action toward ratification of the proposed Haitian treaty until such a time as the religious liberty clauses, which were dropped during negotiations, be restored.

BRICKER AMENDMENT

Whereas, the freedom of religion, along with other American freedoms, is protected by the Bill of Rights and other provisions contained in the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, there are certain interests within the fabric of our society which would be willing to subvert and circumvent the provisions of the United States Constitution through treaties and executive agreements of an international nature which become the supreme law of the land, thus taking precedence over our Constitutional guarantees;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Congress of the United States be urged to favorable action on the latest draft of the so-called Bricker Amendment.

ALCOHOL ON AIR LINES

Whereas, certain commercial air lines are offering for consumption, either complimentary or by sale, alcoholic beverages to passengers while such planes are in flight; and

Whereas, such practice results in the partial or complete intoxication of imbibing passengers, making them offensive to non-drinking passengers; and

Whereas, such practice places every child in the plane's cabin as it were in a barroom, in violation of existing laws; and

Whereas, the presence on a plane of an intoxicated passenger can imperil the safety of all passengers and crew; and

Whereas, many hostesses and stewards are required to serve the alcoholic beverages against the dictates of their own consciences;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the complimentary or for sale offering of alcoholic beverages on commercial planes be considered: (1) a menace to the safety of air travel, (2) a violation of the several laws which forbid the presence of juveniles and minors in places where alcoholic beverages are offered for sale, and (3) an intolerable affront to the non-imbibing passengers; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be filed with the officials of each of the air lines flying domestic and-or foreign routes.

School association at local, regional and national levels.

Education to the Fore

The National Association of Christian Schools, under the leadership of Mr. Mark Fakkema, reported that forty new Christian Day Schools had been received as members in 1955-56. At Cleveland it was indicated that there is a tremendous Protestant interest in establishing such schools. In the past six years 500,000 pupils have been transferred from public schools. Thirty-two states are now represented in NACS membership. A monthly publication, *The Christian Teacher,* is issued. A Teacher Agency is maintained. Community and religion schools in leadership training are growing in number. During the past year Mr. Fakkema delivered 500 lectures and addresses in behalf of the work.

The NACS program at Cleveland featured an address by Rev. Robert Gilbert on "The Christian Idea of Education." This session was one of several representing the various Divisions of the NAE Commission on Education under the direction of Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the Graduate School of Wheaton College. The College Division presented a pilot study on the joint and cooperative effort of Christian Colleges in areas of finance and academic specialization. The Seminary Division considered the program of accreditation for seminaries and the development of library facilities, with an expert panel on the latter question. The North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges held its annual meeting, and took up the educational development of Bible schools and Bible colleges. A final public meeting of the entire Commission featured a public address by Dr. V. Raymond Edman of Wheaton College on "Christian Education in Today's Changing Spiritual Climate." The Commission has served well as a clearing house for inquiries regarding Christian colleges and Bible schools, and as a liaison between the NAE and various conferences and movements in the educational world.

The NAE Youth Commission jointly with Evangelical Youth, Inc., Rev. Gunnar Hoglund, president, are planning a widened ministry. To this end relations are being developed with the Youth Commission of the National Sunday School Association. Important announcements are soon to be made which will be of special interest to evangelical youth organizations throughout the nation.

Evangelism Draws Crowds

Crowded out of room after room the Commission on Evangelism and

Church Extension experienced the largest sessions in many years. Under the leadership of Dr. Jared F. Gerig the Commission has been reorganized and new areas of responsibility have been defined. Evangelism is being encouraged through denominational channels. Church extension and home missions are being emphasized. Speakers at Cleveland inspired new undertakings. Booths presenting various phases of the work were well patronized. The sessions were proof of the fact that evangelism and evangelicalism are synonymous terms—that there cannot be one without the other.

Dr. Don R. Falkenberg conducted the effective conferences of the Commission on Stewardship. During the past year thousands of stewardship pamphlets such as "I Am a Fifteen Percenter," and "Heaven's Blessing Bank Book" were distributed in every state and many foreign lands. Plans were laid to make available the powerful personal testimony on tithing by Mr. Kenneth S. Keyes, Miami realtor, for general distribution in 1956-57.

The World Relief Commission under Director Wendell L. Rockey reported the integration of Eastern and Western promotion programs; the opening of new processing centers in Modesto, Calif., and Nappanee, Ind.; new relief areas in Haiti and among the aborigenes of Formosa; and extensive promotional plans for the years ahead.

Dr. Douglas G. Scott, executive director of the Commission on Chaplains, has been doing yeoman service in behalf of the fifteen denominations he represents in chaplaincy endorsement. Cordial relations are maintained with all Government agencies involved. To anyone who would lend a listening ear Dr. Scott enthusiastically described his new project, The Evangelical Buddy Club, designed to encourage and maintain church relationships with men in the service. Last year he processed fifty-three chaplaincy endorsements, spoke in many camps and churches and maintained the heavy work in his Washington office.

Plan Notable Gathering

International Relations attracted great interest as usual. Dr. J. Elwin Wright was enthusiastic about the coming triennial conference of the World Evangelical Fellowship which is to be held in the USA this year at Providence-Barrington Bible College, August 27-31. There is every indication that this will be the largest and most representative gathering in the history of the Fellowship.

Women at the Convention were specially interested in the sessions of the Women's Evangelical Fellowship under the direction of its President, Mrs. Merrill C. Tenney. Progress was reported in the development of new chapters in various sections of the nation and an active relief, social welfare and prayer program. Mrs. Tenney was re-elected president for the ensuing year. Other officers are Mrs. Paul P. Petticord, first vice president; Mrs. Jos. C. Flower, second vice president; Mrs. A. A. MacKinney, secretary; Mrs. Don Falkenberg, treasurer. Additional members of the executive committee: Mrs. Theodore Elsner, Mrs. Dean Couch, Mrs. Helen Lee and Mrs. Vinnie Sheffield.

Laymen under the leadership of Mr. Kenneth S. Keyes held a great dinner meeting with Mr. Leon Sullivan, outstanding evangelical layman of Philadelphia, as speaker.

NAE's Great Contribution

This conviction was indelibly impressed upon our thinking by the events at Cleveland April 9-12: The National Association of Evangelicals is making a tremendous spiritual contribution to Christian cooperation in America. Frankly, the fires of the Spirit had gone out of many federations and councils of churches at the time the NAE entered the scene fifteen years ago. Meetings were being held with no Bibles about, without benefit of prayer, with jokes taking the place of spiritual things, with pipes, cigarettes and cigars lit and smoke so thick you could cut it with a knife in conference and committee rooms. Politics and strategy had displaced seeking the will of God through prayer and His Holy Word. Slowly but surely this picture is changing and men are turning back to God with a new reverence in their hearts. In humble, repentant mood they are putting self in the background and seeking some fresh touch of the Spirit of God and a clarification of His will for them in this hour. At Cleveland were met hundreds who had not "bowed the knee to Baal." For fifteen years they had tried to be men like the potter's clay in the hands of God, asking Him to mold them and make them after His will. They have been asking Him to show them what He wants done in this old world and they have vowed to do those things as best they can with His guidance and help. At Cleveland they marveled at how God had used them and asked for more work in the days ahead. They gathered with no Pharisaism in their hearts. They prayed for all those whom God is raising up everywhere to serve Him and to advance His cause. They asked for no exclusive empowerment. They felt, however, that in some very real sense God has used and is continuing to use the National Association of Evangelicals to bring a new day in Christian cooperation to God's people in America and to make a very real contribution to the spiritual life of the nation.

As the great Convention drew to its close attention was directed to the choice of leadership for the year ahead. By unanimous vote Dr. Paul P. Petticord was chosen to succeed Dr. H. H. Savage as President of the NAE. Dr. Petticord, a minister of the Evangelical United Brethren church for thirty years and president of the Western Evangelical Seminary for ten years, has been active in the work of the Association since its formation fifteen years ago. Other executive officers elected to head the NAE during the next year include Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, Providence, R. I., first vice president; Dr. Herbert Mekeel, of Schenectady, N. Y., second vice president; Rev. C. C. Burnett of Springfield, Mo., secretary; and a layman, Robert Van Kampen of Wheaton, Ill., treasurer.

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Seminary Impasse

On March 25 the Spanish Ambassador in Washington made a speech before a Catholic group in which he complained that the religious periodicals and news services in the United States had not carried a "rectification" of the news that the Evangelical Seminary in Madrid had been closed. The seminary in Madrid operates under the World Council of Churches.

The Ambassador, Sr. Don Jose Maria Areilza stated that permission for the reopening of the seminary had been granted early in March. Technically this was correct, but the fact remained that the seminary was still sealed shut, with a Spanish government seal, at the time when the Ambassador was making this speech in Washington.

While the Foreign Ministry of the Spanish government had stated that the seals could be removed and the seminary reopened, they had taken no action to remove the seals. Reports reaching Washington indicate that the police also refused to remove the seals. WCC officials would not take the action because they felt that it might open the way for a charge of illegal reopening.

On March 26, the day following the Ambassador's speech, the USA Embassy in Madrid, which had intervened in the matter, filed a report indicating that the seminary was still closed, but that the Foreign Ministry had renewed its assurances that the seals could be removed. On April 3 a news dispatch from Madrid stated that the police had authorized the removal of the seals, but it did not indicate who was expected to take action, thus leaving the impasse still unclarified. Later reports stated that the seal was removed on April 4.

Cocktails Aloft?

With nine bills before Congress which would ban the service of liquor on domestic airlines, the Air Transport Association has decided to take another look at a "code" which would regulate the service of liquor on airlines. It is generally recognized in Washington that the reason for this maneuver is simply to reduce ATA's risk that one of the nine bills in Congress become law.

In the meantime the House communications subcommittee of the inter-state and foreign commerce committee had planned hearings for April 20 on the airline liquor bills. Testimony was to be given by an interchurch transportation committee, and statements were to be filed by denominational and temperance leaders.

The Washington office of the NAE was to file a statement in behalf of the evangelical constituency, citing the resolution passed at the Cleveland convention.

According to the Methodist Board of Temperance, which has followed the issue, the code is to be considered by the six airlines which now serve "hard liquor" aloft: American, Eastern, National, Northwest, TWA and United. Last fall the airlines rejected a similar code as "unacceptable."

The Civil Aeronautics Board, the government agency which could issue regulations limiting the service of liquor on airlines, has persistently refused to act in the matter. Their reason: no evidence on the dangers of air-borne tippling, therefore no authority to act.

Meanwhile the Air Line Pilots Association has come up with some rather impressive information on the real dangers of liquor aloft. As reported by the *Christian Science Monitor* here are two of the many incidents:

"A passenger became inebriated and walked down the aisle looking for the rest room. But . . . the handle he was about to turn was the one to the main cabin door. The plane was pressurized and had he turned the handle, he would have catapulted out . . . the entire plane would have been jeopardized."

Another pilot reported: "I was greeted by five people in the lounge that insisted on having more than two drinks. One of the passengers . . . threatened that the president of our company had told him that he could have all the cocktails he wanted any time. This is the usual thing on this flight."

Transit Visas Only

The government of India has been making numerous statements in past months concerning its liberal policy with regard to missionaries. On several occasions Mr. Nehru had made statements to the effect that India does not restrict, hamper or limit missionaries who are carrying on work of a religious nature. He has usually added that some steps must, however, be taken against missionaries who indulge in any activities which may be construed to be political.

In contrast to this self-styled policy of "liberality," is India's insistence that transit visas for missionaries going to Nepal must be referred to India before authorization. This really amounts to Indian control over missionaries to Nepal, because Nepal can be entered only through India.

Adding to these unreasonable measures which have been adopted by the Indian government is the fact that delays do occur in getting authorization from India. One missionary agency recently cabled its representative in India to find why a delay had occurred in authorization of transit visas to Nepal. It was found that the bureau which would handle such authorization had not received the applications, 51 days after they had been filed in New York. Furthermore, the officer in charge stated that it would be unnecessary for the transit visas to be referred to India.

After the Washington office of the NAE had carried this case to the Indian Embassy in Washington, the transit visas were finally authorized.

Eliminate School Taxes?

A Roman Catholic attempt to save parochial schools from paying more than a million dollars annually in excise taxes is being pushed toward Congressional approval. The program by the House subcommittee on excise taxes would free all private schools, including wealthy universities, from federal taxes on telephone calls, school buses, gasoline, and transportation.

The proposed program followed a request by Congressman Aime J. Forand of Rhode Island, who asked for "the same exemptions for parochial schools that we are giving to the public schools."

It has been estimated that adoption of these measures would mean a loss to the government of some $3,000,000 annually in excise taxes. Approximately 50% of this amount is estimated to be the portion of the excise taxes now being paid by the parochial school system.

The Treasury Department has looked with disfavor on this proposed tax exemption program, and made known its position at hearings in January. Many observers in Washington feel that it is extremely doubtful that this legislation will see favorable action without the backing of the Treasury Department. At the same time it must be kept in mind that pressure groups favoring this type of sectarian-slanted legislation can bring tremendous pressures to bear whenever they desire.

They Did It?

Three Protestant and two Catholic clergymen were credited by the National Public Opinion Council with having had "a decided bearing" on the increase of nearly 3,000,000 who attended church last year.

They are Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York; Dr. Herman W. Gockel of St. Louis, Mo.; Evangelist Billy Graham of Montreat, N. C.; Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York; and Rev. James Keller, M. M., of New York.

EVANGELICAL NEWSFRONT

—UNITED ACTION—

Bishop Proposes NCC-NAE Talks

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—(RNS)—A Protestant Episcopal bishop said here he would like to see informal talks between the National Council of Churches and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Bishop John S. Higgins of Rhode Island told a conference of Evangelical pastors and church workers that such talks could clarify the aims of both groups and indicate ways and areas in which they could work together nationally.

The bishop, a member of the National Council's general board, said afterward that he spoke as an individual and not as a council official.

He made the proposal after participating in a panel discussion on "Evangelicals and the Universal Church," at the 18th annual Pastors and Christian Service Conference sponsored by the Providence-Barrington Bible College. Bishop Higgins presented what he said is the Episcopal Church's view on the ecumenical movement.

Some 265 Evangelical pastors and Christian workers from New England, New York and New Jersey were present.

Bishop Higgins said he believes the NAE "has the idea that the National Council is somewhat of a liberal group theologically," whereas it seems to him "to be somewhat conservative theologically, though not socially."

He voiced the hope that his suggestion for NCC-NAE talks might be discussed by the National Council's policy and strategy committee, of which he is a member. The bishop indicated he may bring the matter before the committee himself.

Other members of the panel were Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis, a past president of the NAE; and the Rev. Carlton H. Gregory, head of the Bible College's philosophy department.

As moderator Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, college president, posed the question of how far Evangelicals can go in their fellowship in the ecumenical movement, particularly in its trend toward Christian unity.

The ensuing discussion was believed by both Bishop Higgins and Dr. Taylor to be the first public airing of NCC and NAE aims by officials from both groups.

Dr. Ferrin said a real problem with Evangelicals concerning the ecumenical movement are the Christians who belong to denominations which have subscribed to the Christology of the NCC preamble "and yet deny what they say their denomination has affirmed."

Bishop Higgins replied that the NCC is a council of churches which have subscribed to the preamble but that it does not ask the churches to guarantee the faith of all their members.

Dr. Taylor said the NAE is not a council of churches, although it numbers some whole denominations in its membership. Its aim, he said, is primarily fellowship among conservative Christians.

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—RADIO - TV—

Lutheran Hour to Join NBC Network on July 1

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The National Broadcasting Company will carry The Lutheran Hour beginning July 1, according to the Lutheran Layman's League, sponsors of the broadcast.

The NBC network will be in addition to Lutheran Hour coverage on the Mutual Broadcasting System and independent stations.

Current plans, according to Paul Friedrich, executive director of the LLL, are to coordinate broadcasting between the Mutual Broadcasting System and the National Broadcasting Company to achieve maximum coverage while making every reasonable effort to conserve funds by avoiding duplicate coverage.

For the present, the NBC coverage will not extend to the Pacific Coast, but will be limited to the Eastern, Central and Mountain areas.

Until now the NBC network has not accepted paid religious broadcasts. When it adopted a new policy permitting such broadcasts, it immediately invited the Lutheran Hour to become a part of its programming schedule.

The opening broadcast on July 1 will originate live from San Antonio, Texas, at the opening services of the 39th annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League.

NBC Network to Air "The Hour of Decision"

NEW YORK—"The Hour of Decision," radio program of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will be aired as a sponsored show by the National Broadcasting Company.

It will be the first sponsored religious broadcast on NBC which in the past has broadcast all such programs on a sustaining basis.

Charles T. Ayres, vice-president of the network, said here the program will be handled by the Walter F. Bennett Co. advertising agency of Chicago, which services religious accounts.

The evangelistic group will be heard every Sunday evening from 10 to 10:30, Eastern Standard Time.

NBC's action came following the protest of the National Council of Churches against the sale of radio - TV time for religious broadcasts.

—EVANGELISM—

Graham Announces Plans For New York Crusade

NEW YORK—Evangelist Billy Graham has announced he will begin his crusade in New York on or around May 12, 1957, and that it will last for at least eight weeks.

He disclosed plans for the New York crusade at a breakfast in his honor attended by 850 Protestant clergymen and laymen.

During the crusade, the evangelist said, a mass-meeting will be held every night in a ball park or some other large arena. Daily meetings also will be held in factories, shops, and "at every place where we can reach people," he added.

Mr. Graham said that between 5,000 and 10,000 lay people, including 2,000 counsellors and 4,000 choir members, will be enlisted in the campaign.

Maximum use will be made of radio and TV "to make New York talk religion and thus overcome the greatest problem facing the churches, namely, indifference," he told the clergymen.

George Champion, vice-president of the Chase National Bank, is chairman of the committee and Cleveland E. Dodge, president of Phelps Dodge Corporation, is vice-chairman. Mr. Champion also heads a crusade sponsoring committee which is expected to enlist at least 100 men in all walks of life.

Mr. Graham's own team, headed by Jerry Beavan of Washington, D. C., is scheduled to open a special New York crusade office soon.

At the breakfast here, the evangelist made a strong plea for cooperation from the churches. He urged New York clergymen to prepare their congregations for active participation in the crusade.

Mr. Graham suggested that every congregation in New York name a special crusade committee and organize special Bible classes for the "spiritual babes" who will be referred to the churches within 24 hours after having made "decisions for Christ."

The evangelist said that in his recent tour around the world he found great interest everywhere in the New York crusade.

"What will happen in New York," he said, "may well affect religious life around the world."

In preparing for the New York campaign, Mr. Graham said, he will spend the period from next January to May in prayer and meditation since "I want to come to this great city that so desperately needs Christ on my knees."

Mr. Graham said he could not estimate the expenses of the New York crusade for which the executive committee has been authorized to accept contributions. But he pointed out that his London crusade last year cost "around $500,000."

Three British preachers, who helped him in London, will come to New York to support the crusade, he said. They are Rev. Tom Allen, leader of the Tell Scotland Movement of the Church of Scotland; Rev. Joe Blisco, evangelist of the Methodist Church of Great Britain; and Rev. John Stott, Anglican minister of the Church of All Souls in London.

—PUBLIC AFFAIRS—

Southern Baptist Leaders In Race Relations Appeal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (RNS) — Twenty-eight leading Southern Baptists have issued an "Appeal for a Christian Spirit in Race Relations." They urged that others join them in praying for divine help to create a "fellowship that will be a witness for Christ to all peoples and races of the world."

The Baptist leaders also proposed a "statement of principles" on racial matters for the guidance of their co-religionists and others. The statement said:

1. God created man in His own image, therefore every man possesses infinite worth and should be treated with respect as a person.

2. Christ died for all men, therefore the Christian view of man—every man—must reflect the spirit of the Cross.

3. God is no respecter of persons, therefore prejudice against persons or mistreatment of persons on the grounds of race is contrary to the will of God.

4. Christ said "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," therefore Christians are obligated to manifest active good will toward all people and help them achieve their fullest possibilities as persons.

5. Christian love as exemplified by Christ is the supreme law for all human relations, therefore Christians have the assurance that such love, conscientiously practiced, will resolve tensions and bring harmony and good will in race relations.

6. All true Christians are brothers in Christ and children in God, therefore they are obligated to cultivate prayerful concern for one another and show confidence in one another.

7. Every person is accountable to God, therefore the right of individual opinion, tested by the teachings of Christ, and of freedom to express it—always in the spirit of Christian love—should be granted to all and respected by all.

Signers of the appeal included Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and two former Convention presidents, Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, La., and Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga.

Eight of the signers are presidents of Baptist universities, colleges or seminaries.

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R. I. Governor Signs Bill Outlawing Indecent Books

PROVIDENCE, R. I. —(RNS)— Gov. Dennis J. Roberts of Rhode Island signed a bill here outlawing indecent literature in the state.

It penalizes by a fine of up to $1,000 and two years in prison anyone publishing, selling or otherwise distributing to minors any pictures, books, pamphlet or magazines devoted principally to the exploitation of sex, crime or horror.

Companion bills proposing the creation of a state commission "to encourage morality in youth" are still pending in House and Senate committees.

The nine-member commission would "educate the public concerning any book, picture, pamphlet, ballad, printed paper or other thing containing obscene, indecent or impure language or manifestly tending to corrupt youth."

It also could investigate and recommend prosecution for violation of the law.

These bills, and the measure signed by Gov. Roberts, follow recommendations made by a special legislative commission which studied the problem of "trash" literature among juveniles.

The study commission included a Protestant, a Jewish and two Roman Catholic clergymen.

Colonial Daughters Hit Secularized Christmas

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A resolution deploring what it called a trend toward secularization of Christmas observances in the nation's public schools was adopted by the Daughters

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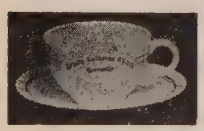

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The organization said a trend toward "the gradual elimination of the Christian significance of Christmas in our public schools" is being "promoted among educators." The plan is to "substitute folklore in its stead, using secular songs for Christmas hymns," it said.

The Daughters asserted that this "would tend to warp the minds and hearts of our children and could eventually bring about an atheist nation."

Local chapters of the group were urged to "be on guard against any such attempts of gradually secularizing and defiling the holy season."

Ministers to Give Party For Non-Dancing Students

ROCKY FORD, Colo. —(RNS)— A special party for high school juniors and seniors who don't dance will be given here May 12 by members of the Rocky Ford Ministerial Alliance.

The affair is to be held concurrently with the annual Junior-Senior Dance of the high school. The non-dancers will go to the ministerial party after attending the dinner and "coronation" of the high school queen that precedes the "prom."

Last year the clergymen sponsored a similar party which they hailed as a success.

Post Offices Authorize "Salvation Army" Dies

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— The Post Office Department announces that 108 post offices have been given permission to use a special cancellation die for mail from May 1 to May 27 bearing the slogan: "National Salvation Army Week—Fourth Week in May."

The department said that granting of the Salvation Army's request did not constitute a change in its policy against the recognition of religious events or observances on USA postage.

"The Salvation Army falls in the category of a social service organization such as the Red Cross, Community Chest, cancer, TB or heart crusades," a department spokesman said.

"Their annual fund-raising drive in these 108 cities does not constitute, in our opinion, a drive for a religious organization, as such, since the aid is distributed from service centers without regard to race, creed or color."

The spokesman added that the Salvation Army is bearing the cost of the special dies involved, which amount to about $28 each.

—DENOMINATIONS—

Merger Decision Forces A Congregational Split

NEW YORK—Leaders of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church resolved at a joint meeting here to go forward with the proposed merger of the two denominations.

A statement issued by the Congregational General Council's executive committee and the E and R General Council said the two groups had "found ways to solve our problems as they have confronted us."

Congregational opponents of the merger are determined that they will take legal steps against the General Council if it persists in its purpose. Hundreds of Congregational churches will withdraw from the denomination, including some of the largest and most influential in the nation.

The merger is scheduled to take place at a joint General Synod in June, 1957. The new body, to be called the United Church of Christ, will rank as the seventh largest Protestant denomination in the country with a membership of more than 2,000,000.

Russian Baptists To Visit America

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (RNS) — Five Russian Baptists will arrive in New York on May 18 for a month's visit in the United States, it was announced at headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance here.

The delegation will comprise four officials of the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical Christians and a representative of Russian Baptist youth.

They are Jacob Zhidkov, council president; Nicolai Levindanto, vice-president; Alexander Karev, secretary; and Ilya Ivanov, treasurer. The youth delegate is Miss Claudia Tyrtova.

An alliance spokesman said the deputation would make the visit in response to an invitation by a representative committee of American Baptists. The invitation was supported by the presidents of the major United States Baptist Conventions, the spokesman added.

The Russian group will visit American Baptist centers and institutions and attend Baptist meetings, bringing fraternal greetings from their co-religionists in the Soviet Union.

They are scheduled to be present at sessions of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee in Washington, D.C., May 22-23; the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City, Mo., May 30-June 2; and the American Baptist Convention in Seattle, Wash., June 15-22.

—SUNDAY SCHOOL—

Assemblies' Sunday Schools Moving Toward Million Mark

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—(RNS)— Average weekly attendance at Assemblies of God Sunday school classes in 1955 was 586, 229, an increase of 26,809 over the previous year, the Rev. Bert Webb, executive director of the Sunday school department, reported here.

He said the Church currently has a Sunday school enrollment of 805,182; last October it was reported at 775,100. The denomination is engaged in a five-year campaign to increase enrollment to more than 1,000,000 by 1960.

Six regional conventions will be staged during 1957 to promote the "on to a million" campaign, Mr. Webb said. The sites and dates are: Jackson-

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Scriptures Published In 1,092 Languages

NEW YORK—Whole Bibles, Testaments, or Bible portions have been published in 1,092 languages and dialects, the American Bible Society reported here.

It said eight new languages were added to the list in 1955 with the publication of Bible portions in five languages by the American Society and by other Bible societies in three more.

As of the end of 1955, the report said, the whole Bible had been made available in 207 languages or dialects, a complete Testament in 265 more, and one or more single books of the Bible in 620 others.

New languages in which Bible portions were published during the year by the American Bible Society included three spoken in Mexico (Chinantec, Chontal, and Otomi), the Philippines dialect Tiruray, and the Guatemalan Indian language Tzutujil. Other Bible societies published portions in Kapauku, spoken in New Guinea; Pila, spoken in Dahomey, French West Africa, and Nyemba, spoken in Angola, Portuguese West Africa.

Pocket Testament League Sends Out Million Gospels

NEW YORK—More than a million copies of the Gospel of John in seven tribal languages have been sent to Africa during the past six months by the Pocket Testament League, it was announced here.

Alfred A. Kunz, the league's international secretary, said the books were printed in Swahili, Kikuyu, Kingwana, Luo, Kisikuma, Bangala, and Kipsitis.

Three teams of evangelists—including representatives of the league, African interpreters, and missionary coworkers—traveling out of Nairobi, Kenya Colony, in sound trucks have been averaging six meetings a day, he said. Scripture portions are distributed at the conclusion of each meeting.

Average daily attendance at these meetings is "in the thousands," Mr. Kunz said.

"Never before have there been so many people in Africa who could read," he said, "and never before has there been such a hunger for the Word of God in printed form. This is a tremendous new missionary challenge, and it is one which must be met now."

PRESS

Editors Stress Values Of Religious Coverage

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The importance of religion as news was stressed by editors of five periodicals honored by the National Religious Publicity Council at its 27th annual meeting here.

Policy statements on the handling of religion in their publications were read from the *Nashville Tennessean,* the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer,* the *Oakland* (Calif.) *Tribune, LIFE,* and the *Woman's Home Companion,* all of which received council "Awards of Merit."

Coleman A. Harwell, vice-president and editor of the *Nashville Tennessean,* said it was the policy of his paper "to treat religion as news."

By "a ceaseless pursuit of news of every kind, of major or small importance," he added, the *Tennessean* "has built solid readership" in the religious field.

The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer,* according to E. T. Stone, managing editor, considers church news of "the highest importance and interest to our readers."

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Woodrow Wirsig, editor of the *Woman's Home Companion,* said "we feel that religion plays a very important part, interwoven increasingly in the social, political, economical and emotional lives of our readers. To my knowledge, *Companion's* series on 'Our American Faiths' is the only continuing religious series in any popular magazine today."

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—WORLD-WIDE—

Communists Influence Clergy Appointments

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—The Soviet government has "a decisive influence" in the appointment of clergymen of the Russian Orthodox Church, according to a "Primer on Communism" issued by the United States Information Agency for distribution in the Far East.

Aimed at helping provide answers to questions on "Communism and religion," the booklet was based on 1,300 questions most frequently asked by people of the Far East.

"All Communist governments exert varying degrees of control over church establishments, ministers and congregations within their boundaries," the primer said.

"The central authority in regard to church matters in Russia and Czechoslovakia is the government Bureau for Church Affairs, which has a decisive influence over clergy, church property, and local congregations. No clergyman may perform his duties without consent of the government, which must be obtained in advance.

German Evangelical Leaders Held by Reds

BERLIN—(RNS)—Thirty-four Evangelical pastors and church workers are still being held by Communist authorities in East Germany, Church authorities announced here. They said prayers for them are being offered in Protestant churches throughout the country during Sunday services.

While some of the arrests date back to 1947, the majority of those detained were imprisoned during the 1953 anti-Church campaign in East Germany.

Among those still under detention are seven officials of the Evangelical Railway Mission taken into custody on espionage charges.

Evangelical Church sources here said that 91 out of the 97 main posts of the Railway Mission in the Soviet Zone are now closed.

Congo Protestant Papers Introduce New Features

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo—(RNS)—William A. Deans, editor-in-chief of *Editions Evangeliques*, returned here from an 18-month furlough in the United States and Europe with plans for modernizing his three vernacular-language Protestant newspapers.

En route to the Congo the veteran missionary conferred with the *African Challenge*, Protestant paper in Lagos, Nigeria, on plans for putting his publications on public sale with new cover formats in color. Until now, paid subscribers have formed the bulk of the 20,000 combined circulation of the three editions in Congo Swahili, Lingala and Bangala.

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—INTER-CHURCH—

Dr. McIntire's Interests Are Split by Dissension

PHILADELPHIA.—The national assembly of the Bible Presbyterian Church has rejected the leadership of its principal founder, Dr. Carl McIntire, of Collingswood, N. J., according to the following news story in the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* of April 16:

The action was taken at the 19th General Synod meeting of the denomination in St. Louis last week.

The group, composed of some 8,800 members, also disassociated itself from the American Council of Christian Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches.

The synod charged "undemocratic leadership" of the two parent groups and "exaggeration" of membership statistics.

Dr. McIntire, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, is the founder and a past president of the American Council and founder and president of the International Council.

It was reported that a number of faculty members of the Faith Theological Seminary, Elkins Park, and Shelton College, Wildwood, N. J., will resign at the end of the school year for similar reasons.

Dr. McIntire is founder of both schools.

The formal resolution, passed 76 to 16, stated:

"Reaffirming its position on the purity of the visible church and its position on separation from modernism and inclusivism, the 19th General Synod . . . finding sufficient cause for dissatisfaction in its representation by the American Council of Christian Churches hereby terminates the power of that agency to represent said denomination."

The schism was effective immediately.

Dr. R. Laird Harris, moderator of the synod, pointed out that individual churches in the synod had the power to re-affiliate with both the national and international bodies.

It was learned that a new group, called Bible Presbyterian Association, will be organized by church leaders who want to re-affiliate.

It is also reported that Dr. McIntire's own congregation in Collingswood has split and that dissidents have formed a new church.

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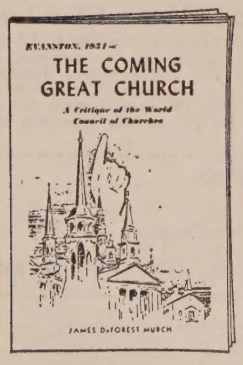

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Official Visitors and Alternates (as needed in order of listing): Charles Seidenspinner, William O. Rottschafer, Stephen Paine, Herbert G. Mekeel, Harry Hager.

In another action Thursday, the field director of the staff of the National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. George Ford, was promoted to full rank as the association's executive director.

The delegates voted to conduct their 1957 convention in Buffalo, N. Y. The dates will be April 1 to 5 next year.